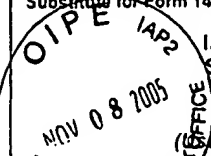


PTO/SB/08a (08-03) U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Substitution Form 1449A/PTO 	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		APPLICATION NO.: 09/441,628	FILING DATE: November 16, 1999
			APPLICANT: Gregory H. Petrak	ART UNIT: 3682
			EXAMINER NAME: Luong, Vinh	ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 1037/US/2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	Name of Patentee of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (If known)	MM-DD-YYYY		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	Name of PATENTEE or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If known)	MM-DD-YYYY			

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ²	Include name of Author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ³
VL	1.	Office Action of July 27, 1998; Application No. 09/064,402, filed April 22, 1998.	
VL	2.	Office Action of January 21, 1999; Application No. 09/064,402, filed April 22, 1998.	
VL	3.	Office Action of June 7, 2005; Application No. 11/059,210, filed February 15, 2005.	

EXAMINER LUONG	DATE CONSIDERED 3/6/06
-----------------------	-------------------------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

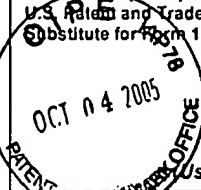
* EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

* EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation number (optional).

² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08a (08-03) U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO 	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		APPLICATION NO.: 09/441,628	FILING DATE: November 16, 1999
			APPLICANT: Gregory H. Petrak	ART UNIT: 3682
			EXAMINER NAME: Luong, Vinh	ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 1037/US/2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	Name of Patentee of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		
VL	1.	3,937,295	02/10/1976	Wright	
VL	2.	4,256,205	03/17/1981	Hamar	
VL	3.	5,590,744	01/07/1997	Belmond	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIALS ¹	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	Name of PATENTEE or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ² - Number ³ - Kind Code ⁴ (If known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
VL	4.	EP0805104	11/05/1997	Fichtel & Sachs AG		
VL	5.	JP358012857A	01/25/1983	Fuji Heavy Ind. Ltd.		

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ²	Include name of Author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ³
EXAMINER LUONG		DATE CONSIDERED 3/6/06	
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.			

communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation number (optional).

² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.